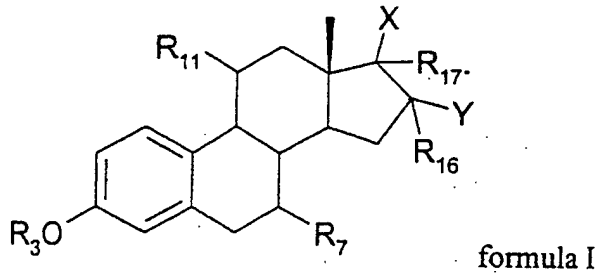


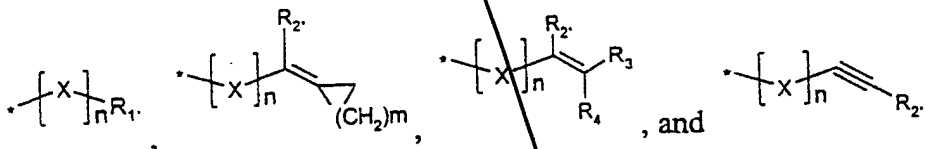
1. (amended) A steroid compound satisfying the following structural formula:



wherein:

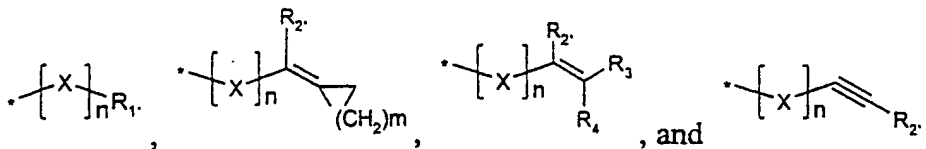
one of X and Y is OH, the other being H;
 R₃ is H or COR'₃, with R'₃ being alkyl or aryl;
 R₇, R₁₆, and R₁₇ each independently are H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aryl; R₁₁ is a hydrocarbon group, which may be linear or branched, comprising one single linear chain having a length of from 5 to 9 carbon atoms as the longest chain on carbon atom no. 11 of the steroid skeleton, wherein said chain may be saturated or unsaturated.

2. (amended) A steroid compound according to claim 1, wherein R₁₁ is selected from the following group of side-chain structures:



wherein X is CH₂, CH-alkyl or C(alkyl)₂, R₁ is H, alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or together with X forms a C₃-C₇ ring system, R₂ is H, alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, R₃ and R₄ each independently are H, alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with

2. (amended) A steroid compound according to claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein R₁₁ is selected from the following group of side-chain structures:



wherein X is CH₂, CH-alkyl[,] or C(alkyl)₂, R₁ is H, alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl[,] or together with X forms a C₃-C₇ ring system, R₂ is H, alkyl[,] or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, R₃ and R₄ each independently are H, alkyl[,] or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl [optionally], unsubstituted or substituted with halogen or CN, n is an integer of from 0-9, m is an integer of from 1-5.

3. (amended) A steroid compound according to claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the longest chain in R₁₁ comprises 5-7 carbon atoms.

4. (amended) A steroid compound according to claim 3, [characterised in that] wherein the longest chain in R₁₁ comprises 5 carbon atoms.

5. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a steroid compound according to [any one of the preceding claims,] claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable [auxiliaries] auxiliary.